

TOWN OF WAINWRIGHT

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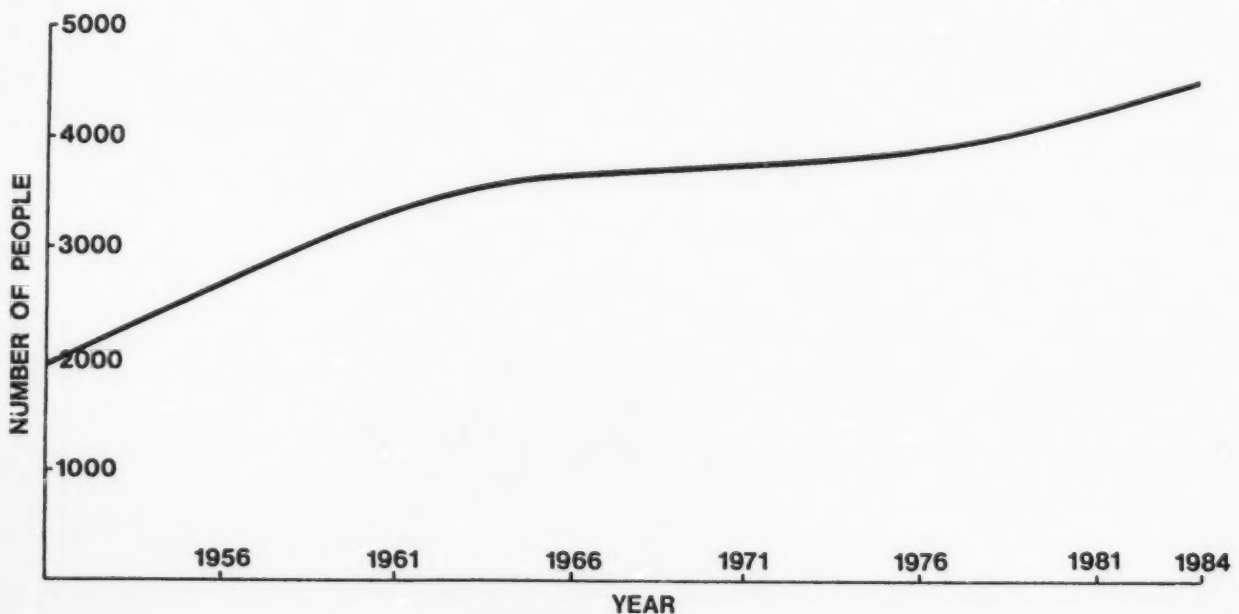
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POPULATION

The population trend in Wainwright for the past thirty years has been generally one of growth. Growth that is comprised of two parts: natural, that is number of births minus the number of deaths; and growth due to people moving into the town.

Figure one represents Wainwright's population trend since 1951. If a similar trend continues Wainwright's population should exceed 5000 by the end of the decade.

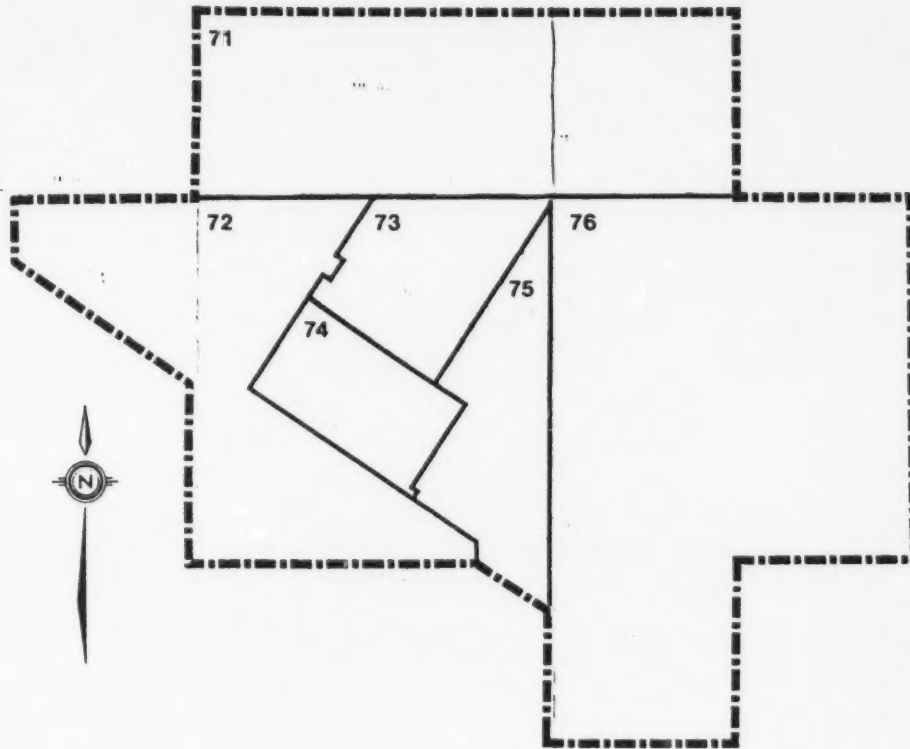
FIGURE 1: Population Growth 1951 - 1984



Where does the population live?

Wainwright has been divided into six enumeration areas which are numbered 71 to 76. Figure two is a map of Wainwright showing each enumeration area. The table on this figure shows the population change over the past two census.

FIGURE 2
ENUMERATION AREAS



DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY ENUMERATION AREA
Population

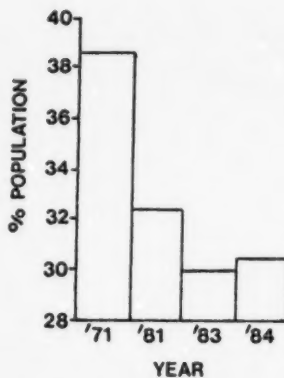
Enumeration Area		<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	71	366	379	+3.6
	72	821	832	+1.3
	73	893	874	-2.1
	74	211	179	-15.2
	75	969	1024	+5.7
	76	1130	1309	+15.8
TOTAL		4388	4597	+4.75

Age Groups

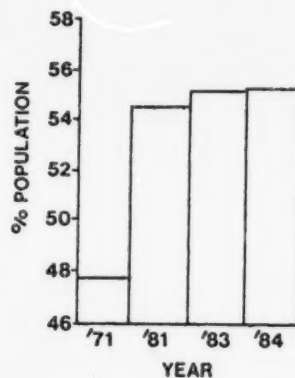
Figure 3 below illustrates trends in age composition of the population. The dramatic drop of the school age portion of the population seems to have stopped, while the working age and the elderly portions have essentially remained the same. The population profile of 1984 is very similar to the 1983 profile.

FIGURE 3
COMPARATIVE POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS

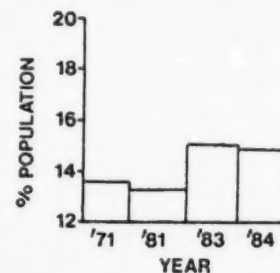
Percent Population
of School Age(<19)



Percent Population
of Working Age(20-64)



Percent Population
of Retirement Age(>65)



POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS

	1971	1981	1983	1984
People of School Age	1500	1380	1299	1389
People of Working Age	2025	2315	2441	2551
People of Retirement Age	525	570	648	657

Migration

It is quite difficult to make predictions based on such a small population tracked for only two years. However the numbers generated by the census indicate that the growth of Wainwright is due to people moving into town. The census indicates that while 400 people arrived in 1983, roughly half left in the same year. This transient pattern is due to influences such as building construction (eg. hospital, apartment), oil and gas (eg. exploration, pipelines) and of course Camp Wainwright (eg. 2&3 year stints)

Housing

Dwelling types in Wainwright are shown in Figure 4 and are compared to the 1983 distribution.

Figure 4
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS BY TYPE

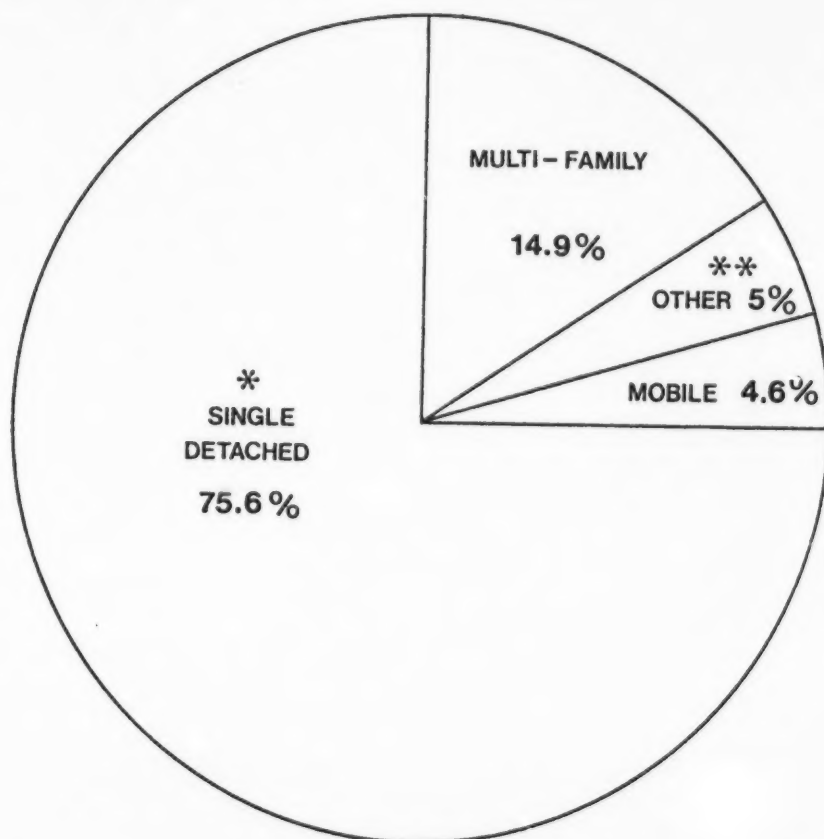
	1983	1984	Population Per Type
Single Detached with or without suites	1299	1308	3564
Suite in Single Detached	30	24	32
Duplex	35	36	94
Townhouse	45	37	52
Apartment	216	221	471
Mobile Home	77	79	197
Business Suites	22	23	55
Group Accommodation		3	123

Vacancy Rate

The census found that the vacancy rate of rental accommodations was quite low. This probably indicates some additional multi-family rental unit construction is required.

Figure 5 shows the housing stock. The stock is predominantly single detached as in most Alberta Towns.

FIGURE 5
GRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF DWELLINGS BY TYPE



- * includes houses with suites but not the remaining suites
- ** includes duplexes, suites in houses, business suites & group accommodations.

LABOUR FORCE

Employment

The total labour force of 2106 is comprised of 1676 persons employed full time, 292 employed part time and 138 unemployed seeking work. The unemployment rate is 6.5% which compares favourably with the Provincial unemployment rate.

Figure 6 illustrates (and compares to 1983) the employment by type and highlights the economic structure of Wainwright. Government is the largest single employer followed by retail trade and health and welfare. Mining (which includes oil related activity) also has a strong presence in the community.

FIGURE 6
LABOUR FORCE BY S.I.C. CODE

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
Agriculture	43	63
Mining Oil/Gas	173	228
Manufacturing	44	45
Construction	125	151
Transportation/Communication	122	124
Wholesale Trade	40	35
Retail Trade	278	297
Finance/Insurance	66	88
Education	106	131
Health and Welfare	176	192
Accommodation and Food	118	122
Other Community Services	115	142
Government	450	466